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Dear Mr. Hundt;

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As a parent of 2 school aged children, I am very concerned about the = network programming that is available to them. It is amazing to me that = during the prime hours that they, and most young children, are watching = television, I must watch carefully to make sure that the material is = appropriate. It is also unbelievable to me that the networks can simply = reclassify almost anything as "educational" so that they meet the = current guidelines of the Children's Television Act (CTA).

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I support the National PTA's position on strengthening the CTA with the = following suggestions.

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. Set a standard of at least one hour per day of specifically-designed = educational and information programming on all TV stations.

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. Redefine it's definition of "educational in informational" = programming in order to close the regulatory loophole which permit = stations to cite programs such as "The Jetsons" and "Flinstones" on = their license renewal applications.

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. Count only standard length, regularly-scheduled educational programs = as meeting a stations "core" programming obligations under the Act.

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. Exclude programs aired before 6:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. from = counting toward the core requirement of children's programming.

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As a child raised on television, I support Network televsion. But as a = parent I believe that they must show a little more responsibility toward = their youngest and most vulnerable viewers, our children. The Networks = must produce the quality programs we want our children to watch. Since = they have not been able to do this on a voluntary basis, the FCC needs = to write specific guidelines to clear up such issues as the definition = of educational and informational programming, what constitutes a = "sufficient" amount of programming, and how parents receive information = about quality programs. Turning off the television completely is not a = realistic option.

Sincerely,

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Regarding: "MM Docket 93-48"

Dear Mr. Hundt:

We express strong support for current Federal Communications Commission efforts to improve broadcast and cable television programming for children and families. Our respective auxiliary organizations of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, represent more than 3.7 million women, 544,000 young women ages 12 to 18, and more than one million children younger than 12 years of age. We also are mothers and grandmothers.

Parental responsibility is the most effective force in guiding the television viewing of children. Nevertheless, parents need help in safeguarding their children from inappropriate and destructive television programming. The FCC should provide strict guidelines to the cable and television industry that promote decency and establish high quality television for children.

We support FCC limitations on programming that includes violence, profanity, crudeness, and immorality. The desensitizing effect of such programming is of great concern to us. Ridicule of family relationships, schools, and religions should not be tolerated. These destructive portrayals undermine in subtle and powerful ways the most important foundations of our society.

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As citizens we encourage the FCC to take strong actions to cleanse the programming. We think the power of television to define social values should contribute to society's strengths rather than emphasize its weaknesses. The present exploitation of minds and emotions for profit needs intensified public scrutiny. We urge the FCC to lead out in making needed corrections in current programming in order to protect our children and the integrity of the family.

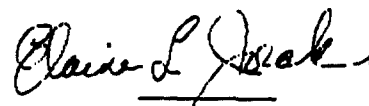
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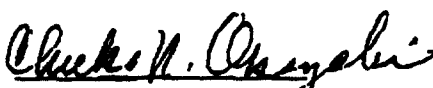
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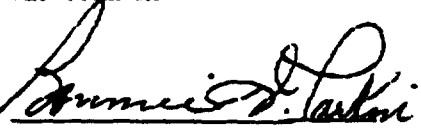
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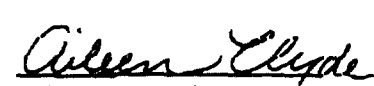
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The attached is the requested position of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints relative to future programming.